

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BAGHDA 01131 311034Z
ACTION NEA-11

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /012 W
-----020142 010127Z /70

R 310830Z MAY 78
FM USINT BAGHDAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6258
INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
AMEMBASSY AMMAN
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BAGHDAD 1131

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, OTRA, SOPN, IZ
SUBJ: BAGHDAD VISIT OF CHICAGO TRIBUNE GROUP

REF: STATE 103854

1. DURING MAY 23-24 VISIT TO BAGHDAD, FIVE-MEMBER CHICAGO TRIBUNE GROUP, HEADED BY PUBLISHER/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF STANTON R. COOK, MET WITH MINISTER OF OIL TAYEH ABDUL KARIM, MINISTER OF INFORMATION SA'AD QASSIM AL-HAMOUDI, BAATH PARTY OFFICIAL ABDUL MAJID AL-RAFIE, AND MFA OFFICIAL WISSAM AL-ZAHAWI. GROUP THOUGHT THAT IRAQI HAD PROMISED AN INTERVIEW WITH EITHER PRESIDENT BAKR, RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN OR BAATH PARTY LEADER MICHEL AFLAQ, BUT IRAQI HOSTS HAD MADE NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR THESE APPOINTMENTS BY THE TIME USINT OFFICERS TALKED TO THE GROUP A FEW HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE.

2. CHICAGO TRIBUNE GROUP SAID THAT IRAQI OFFICIALS MAINLY GAVE SET IDEOLOGICAL ANSWERS AND TOOK STANDARD LINE ON U.S.-IRAQI
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BAGHDA 01131 311034Z

RELATIONS, OIL PRICES AND OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION. IN GENERAL, IRAQI OFFICIALS MADE A VERY POOR IMPRESSION.
PECK

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: VISITS, JOURNALISTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BAGHDA01131
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780228-0428
Format: TEL
From: BAGHDAD
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978055/aaaaadvy.tel
Line Count: 58
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3cfab39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 103854
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2666362
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BAGHDAD VISIT OF CHICAGO TRIBUNE GROUP
TAGS: PGOV, OTRA, SOPN, IZ
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3cfab39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014